

REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20, 1863.

TOWN PAUPERS.

James Locke for goods delivered	Wid Sally Knowles to March 20, 1863,	\$26 00
Bryant Eaton,	Elizabeth Eaton, wife of Israel Eaton,	5 00
Moses Eaton, wood	" " " " " "	7 25
Elihu Dow, goods to Sarah Fowler, wife of Richard Fowler,	" " " " " "	3 75
Bryant Eaton,	" " " " " "	3 12
Moses Eaton, wood and cash	" " " " " "	1 82
Elihu Dow, goods delivered	Wid Rhoda Fowler,	1 00
Moses Eaton, wood	" " " " " "	8 50
Bryant Eaton,	" " " " " "	1 75
Ezekiel Collins, house rent for Mary A. Fowle,	" " " " " "	12 00
Bryant Eaton, goods	" " " " " "	15 25
Moses Eaton, wood for Mehitable Eaton,	" " " " " "	5 00
James Johnson, for support of Betsy Page, from May 8 to July 29, 1862,	" " " " " "	12 53
Elijah McQuillen,	" " " " " " to March 20, 1863,	33 50
Foster W. Smith, clothing	" " " " " "	3 05
Sally Fowler, house rent for Rhoda Fowler,	" " " " " "	7 50
Sarah Dow, support of Isaiah Dow one year to March 20, 1863,	" " " " " "	52 00
Clothing for	" " " " " "	1 50
Isaiah Dow, support of Elizabeth Eaton one year ending March 20, 1863,	" " " " " "	28 00
Elizabeth Eaton, support of Mary A. Eaton from Ap. 20 to Mar. 20, 1863,	" " " " " "	16 00
Moses Eaton, wood for Betsy Fowler,	" " " " " "	2 25
Belcher Brown, shaving Samuel Brown two years to March 20, 1863,	" " " " " "	3 00
Joshua Janvrin, support of Washington Cilley 4 wks ending Ap. 8, 1862,	" " " " " "	6 00
Joseph Marshall, support of Margaret Bean 1 year ending Mar. 20, 1863,	" " " " " "	39 00
Charles Dow, house rent for Phebe Eaton,	" " " " " "	10 00
Bryant Eaton, wood for Wid Betsy Fowler,	" " " " " "	3 75
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " "	1 12
Reuben Smith, for keeping Samuel Smith in his last sickness,	" " " " " "	6 00
Jonathan Dearborn, medical attendance,	" " " " " "	1 25
Eben Fowler, funeral expenses,	" " " " " "	11 12
Samuel Rowe, keeping Samuel Brown one year ending March 20, 1863,	" " " " " "	78 00
Clothing for	" " " " " "	3 75
Gamaliel Rowe and Samuel Cochran, support of David Brown one year ending March 20, 1863,	" " " " " "	78 00
Simeon E. Dow, boarding James W. Eaton one week,	" " " " " "	1 25

Sylvester L. Brown, goods to Miriam Cilley,	26 00
Newell Brown, wood " 1861,	1 75
" " " 1862,	7 25
Edwin Janvrin, " " "	4 00
R. W. Price, medical attendance " "	8 00
Newell Brown, wood to Sally Knowles,	17 50
Sarah Cilley, nursing Miriam Cilley in sickness,	6 00
Jonathan Dearborn, medical attendance on Melissa Boardman,	1 50
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COUNTY PAUPERS,

N. H. Asylum, board H. G. Bagley up to Jan. 23, 1863,	212 24
Elihu Dow, goods delivered Thomas Souther's family to Mar. 20, 1863,	31 50
Samuel A. Smith, for medicine " "	60
Moses Eaton, wood to " "	7 00
Bryant Eaton, " " "	3 75
Eunice Wright, nursing in sickness " "	2 00
Cyrus Dearborn, medical attendance " "	11 75
Funeral expenses " "	8 75
Nancy E. Cary, support of John S. Cary up to Jan. 26, 1863,	71 87
Funeral expenses " "	12 24
R. W. Price, medical attendance " "	6 00
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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Joseph S. Lane, iron work on Walton bridge,	3 66
Levi Collins, 6½ days labor on causeway,	8 00
George N. Cary, 1 day,	1 25
Samuel Walton, labor and timber,	1 33
D. T. Woodwell, 30 lbs spikes,	1 20
Edward D. Dow, 6½ days labor,	9 10
John Walton, 8 " "	10 00
Charles Locke, 3 " "	4 00
Jer'h A. Locke, 3 " "	4 00
Joshua Janvrin, 2,950 feet timber,	17 70
" 6 days labor,	7 50
Sewall B. Walton, 660 feet timber,	4 00
Jonathan Walton jr. for iron,	30
William H. Noyes, ox-labor,	13 00
William Beckman, " "	6 80
Enoch Boyd, District No. 7, for plank for bridge,	2 40
Samuel S. Walton, timber " "	4 00
William H. Noyes, hauling gravel, 1861,	2 00
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BREAKING ROADS.

District No. 1,	33 64
" 2,	6 62
" 3,	12 17
" 4,	6 05
" 5,	2 59
" 6,	4 19
" 7,	9 62
" 8,	13 47
" 9,	13 97
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CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

State tax,	228 00
County tax,	469 36
Abbott A. Locke, services as town clerk,	12 00
Joshua Janvrin, making and recording taxes,	12 00
Arthur L. Evans, repairing burying-ground fence,	5 72
Joseph Dow, warming and cleaning T. Hall,	2 75
Edwin Eaton, Superintending School Committee, 1862,	15 00
Joseph Chase, for School District No. 1,	70 00
J. A. Locke, " 2,	190 00
William Beckman, " 3,	190 00
Jonathan Walton jr. " 4,	190 00
Moses Eaton jr. " 5,	190 00
S. P. Brown, in full his claim for damages against the town,	300 00
Calvin S. Brown, recruiting 22 nine-months men,	110 00
Joseph Chase, collecting taxes,	60 00
Collector's book and surveyor's book,	1 50
Stationery,	2 00
Interest on hired money,	4 17
Printing accounts,	10 00
Auditing accounts,	1 00
John W. Dodge, balance due on H. G. Bagley's bill,	3 59
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SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Joshua Janvrin, 5 days appraising and assessing,	6 25
Return of militia, births and deaths,	1 50
Journey to Exeter twice on account of S. P. Brown's case,	4 00
" Portsmouth " " "	3 00
Settling the same,	1 50
Settling County pauper bill,	2 00
Making two militia enrolments and family aid bill,	4 00
Time and expense to Newburyport and Amesbury hiring money,	2 50
" Concord 3 times on account of volunteers,	
and settling aid bill,	28 00
Time spent with volunteers, commissioner, appointing 3 enlisting officers, and other necessary town business,	30 00
Jonathan Walton jr. appraising and assessing 3 days,	3 75
Twice to Newburyport and once to Amesbury to hire money,	3 00
Time with commissioner, and enrolling militia,	2 25
Serving as treasurer,	10 00
Doing town business,	20 00
Joseph Chase, appraising and assessing 4 days,	5 00
Journey to Exeter on account of S. P. Brown's case,	2 00
Doing town business,	12 00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES BY THE SELECTMEN.

Luther Eaton, over-taxed,	1 84
James Fogg, " "	1 38
Charles W. Eaton, poll tax, a soldier,	2 21
David F. Felch, " "	2 21
Samuel H. Beckman, " "	2 21
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES BY THE TOWN.

Amount abated to volunteers,	35 34
Cyrus D. Fowler, for 1853, 1858, 1859 and 1860,	8 78
Israel E. Fowler, for 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1861,	7 41
Richard Fowler jr. for 1859 and 1861,	3 69
	55 22

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

District No. 1,	8 44
" 4,	3 36
" 5,	4 08
	15 88

AID FOR THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.

To wife and 2 children of Jacob E. Brown from Mch. 14,'62 to Oct. 14,'62,	53 00
" 1 child Levi Collins jr. " Nov. 14,'62,	43 00
" 3 children Abel Eaton, " "	76 00
" 3 " Nicholas Gurnnan, " "	80 00
" 3 " James R. Fowler, " July 14,'62,	44 00
" 2 " John M. Dow, " Jan. 14,'63,	108 00
" 2 " Samuel Eaton 3rd, " Feb. 14,'63,	104 00
" 1 child Francis Rowe, " Jan. 14,'63,	72 00
" 7 children Sewall B. Fowler, " Mar. 14,'63,	134 00
" 3 " Moses B. Knowles, " "	128 00
" " Charles P. Eaton, " "	41 67
" 3 " William B. Knowles, " "	128 00
" 2 " G. H. Perkins, " "	127 00
" 2 " J. W. Perkins, " "	92 00
" 3 " Elijah Knox, " "	126 33
" 2 " James Wright, Sept. 26,'62, " "	64 00
" 1 child Charles Hastings, " "	28 10
" 3 children John E. Randall, " "	58 00
" " Sumner Beal, " "	20 00
" 3 " William Rowe, " "	63 00
" 2 " John S. Janvrin, " "	58 00
" 1 child Robert C. Eaton, " "	29 00
" 4 children Albert Gove, " "	58 00
" 3 " Webster Brown, " "	58 00
" 1 child Alfred Dow, " "	39 00
" 2 children Francis Beckman, " "	58 00
" " Daniel Davis, " "	9 00
	1,904 00

VOLUNTEERS.

Thirty-six three years men,	10,800 00
Twenty-three nine months men,	4,600 00
	15,400 00

TOWN OF SEABROOK CREDIT BY CASH.

Of the State Treasurer, literary fund,	\$104 49
Family aid bill,	836 56
N. Locke, income C. Island,	27 00
Railroad tax,	122 14

County, for pauper claim,	293 35
Frank Brown, back taxes,	60 00
Moses Eaton, from last year's account,	7 00
Isaiah Dow, income D. marsh,	14 50
Simeon E. Dow, income Eaton marsh,	3 00
Baptist Society, use of Town hall,	3 00
Barker & Dow,	6 00
J. B. Tuttle, for stones,	50
Joseph Chase, whole amount of taxes committed for collection,	3284 51
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Hired of Comfort Stanwood,	\$100 00
" Seth Clark,	2000 00
" David Batchelder,	1000 00
" Charles Lunt,	2000 00
" Abel Merrill,	1200 00
" Charles H. Sanborn,	1500 00
" David Chase,	1500 00
" Stacy L. Nudd,	1500 00
" James Sanborn,	1500 00
" Thomas Lane, Jr.,	800 00
" Josiah Gove,	300 00
" Joshua Janvrin,	300 00
" Jonathan Walton, Jr.,	300 00
" Charles W. Noyes,	300 00
" Sumner Beal,	300 00
" Walter M. Butler,	250 00
" Nathaniel Chase,	250 00
" Joseph P. Jones,	200 00
" Aaron E. Boyd,	200 00
" John S. Janvrin,	200 00
" Francis Beckman,	125 00
" Stephen W. Chase,	100 00
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	\$15,925 00

CR. By amount of Property owned by the Town.

Common Island,	\$400 00
Eaton Marsh,	50 00
Dow Marsh,	200 00
Gravel land,	200 00
Jonathan Eaton land,	50 00
Pound and lot,	15 00
Town Hall and settees,	1275 00
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	\$2190 00

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE.

Charles H. Sanborn, on his notes,	\$362 02
Jonathan Dearborn, "	107 00
David Chase, Jr.,	621 47

Money hired since March 20, 1862:—

Seth Clark,	2000 00
David Batchelder,	1000 00
Charles Lunt,	2000 00
Abel Merrill,	1200 00
Charles H. Sanborn,	1500 00
David Chase,	1500 00
Stacy L. Nudd,	1500 00

James Sanborn,	1500 00
Thomas Lane, Jr.,	800 00
Josiah Gove,	300 00
Joshua Janvrin,	300 00
Jonathan Walton, Jr.,	300 00
Charles W. Noyes,	300 00
Sumner Beal,	300 00
Walter M. Butler,	250 00
Nathaniel Chase,	250 00
Joseph P. Jones,	200 00
Aaron E. Boyd,	200 00
John S. Janvrin,	200 00
Francis Beckman,	125 00
Stephen W. Chase,	100 00
Comfort Stanwood,	100 00
Interest due	350 00

FOOTINGS BROUGHT FORWARD.

Amount of expenses for the Poor,	\$928 71
Roads and Bridges,	202 56
Contingent expenses,	2207 84
Abatement of Taxes,	65 07
Non-Resident Highway Tax worked out,	15 88
Aid for families of Soldiers,	1904 00
Bounty to Volunteers,	15,400 00
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	\$20,724 06
Amount of Receipts,	\$20,686 95
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The subscribers have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending March 20, 1863, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance against the town of thirty-seven dollars and eleven cents.

JONATHAN GOVE, } Auditors.
JOHN WEARE, }

Cr. By amount of property owned by the town,	\$2,190 00
Due from County on pauper claim,	101 86
Due on notes of A. Felch, Jr. and J. Beckman,	9 41
" " Cyrus Brown,	14 50
" " Newell Dow,	14 84
Due from State on claim for aid furnished families of volunteers,	1488 00
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	\$3818 61
Balance against the town,	\$13,583 99

JOSHUA JANVRIN, } Selectmen
JONATHAN WALTON, Jr. } of
JOSEPH CHASE, } Seabrook.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

The Committee respectfully submits the following Report :—

DISTRICT No. 1.

Stephen G. Johnson, Prudential Committee. Richard L. Gove, Teacher.

One term of 15 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 19; average attendance 16.37; instances of tardiness, 317; dismissals, 17; number of scholars not absent one day, 1.

This was Mr. Gove's first school, and he endeavored to do his duty acceptably, but there was a trick played by certain scholars, which made it very unpleasant for awhile, and probably caused some severe punishments, which was a subject of comment in the district. A better feeling having been restored, the school returned to its accustomed duties. In three visits made to this school I found it in perfect order. Commendable progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Jeremiah A. Locke, Committee.

Summer term of 18 weeks. Ellen M. Gunnison, Teacher.

Number of pupils, 65; average, 50.5; tardy, 104; dismissals, 120; not absent one day, 6. Scholars well classed, recitations good, teacher faithful and industrious, order not quite as good as she had last year,—yet there was good improvement. I would recommend this teacher to the notice of other districts.

Winter term of 12 weeks. Charles C. Lord, Teacher. Number of pupils, 64; average, 46; tardy, 787; dismissals, 308; not absent one day, 1. There were some instances of progress, but generally scholars were indifferent about their lessons and very noisy. Mr. Lord's literary attainments were sufficient; he is a pious young man of honest intentions, but he certainly failed in executive ability.

DISTRICT No. 3.

William Beckman, Committee.

Summer term of 18 weeks. Martha A. Dow, Teacher. Number of pupils, 69; average, 47.91; tardy, 259; dismissals, 87; not absent one day, 3. This was Miss Dow's first school. Good order, well classed, moderate improvement. Pretty good for a beginner. She devoted some extra time to the benefit of her school, and I think gave general satisfaction.

Winter term of 13.2 weeks. Edwin Eaton, Teacher. Number of pupils, 70; average, 55; tardy, 131; dismissals, 37; not absent one day, 9. The scholars here have been quite peaceable and very respectful to their teacher, and have on all occasions manifested a willingness to comply with his wishes. I leave it with the parents to judge of the improvement.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Jonathan Walton, Jr., Committee.

Summer term of 18 weeks. M. Abby Shaw, Teacher. Number of pupils, 85; average, 60; tardy, 368; dismissals, 391; not absent one day, 6. Miss Shaw is an experienced teacher,—taught here three years ago and gave good satisfaction. In school she was much loved by scholars, who were lively in their recitations but not sufficiently disciplined. A good teacher for another one of our districts.

Winter term of 12.6 weeks. John McGlauflin, Teacher. Number of pupils, 84; average, 59; tardy, —; dismissals, —; not absent one day, 3. Mr. McGlauflin

is an experienced teacher. His method at first seemed somewhat novel to the school, and perhaps the condition of the school seemed new to him, but a better acquaintance secured a better friendship. The teacher has labored to thoroughly drill his school, and has succeeded very well. In my final visit I found it well disciplined, classes awake and generally prompt to answer. The progress has been more permanent than rapid. Register imperfect.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Moses Eaton, Prudential Committee.

Summer term of 17 1-2 weeks. Alice True, Teacher. Number of pupils, 111; average about 75; tardy, 832; dismissals, 484; not absent one day, 14. There was too much confusion in this school for any real progress. Miss True's literary acquisitions for a teacher are better than an average, but her ability to govern was not adequate to the task; and who wondered? Who can expect a female to discipline from 50 to 100 children that are irregular in attendance, and many destitute of books, and at the same time teach them profitably? In my opinion, you will either have to furnish another room and employ two female teachers, or else employ a male and grant him the privilege of monitorial instruction, that he may have time to discipline and perfect the system, if you wish to receive any value for your money.

Winter term of 12 weeks. Jarvis McDuffie, Teacher. Number of pupils, 76; average, 61.37; tardy, 35; dismissals, 47; not absent one day, 9. Number of children in the alphabet in this and all other districts very much reduced. Mr. McDuffie is a gentleman of large experience, and in his acceptance of this school must have made some sacrifice for the good of children. He set about redeeming it from evil and the error of its ways with a will befitting his profession. In a recent visit there (seventh week of the term) I did not observe any rapid progress, but there seemed to be an elevating principle at work. I think the school has made all the improvement that can reasonably be expected, in the time. I anticipate your enquiry,—what is the standing and character of our schools? In answer, I will say that the school in District No. 2 is a little demoralized; in other respects they are at the present time in a better moral condition than I have ever known them. Reading, Spelling and Writing have been successfully attended to, which is of the first importance in their present state. There are no scholars so far advanced as there has been in times past; for one reason they are not of sufficient age. When we have two scholars in District No. 1, and twelve in each of the other districts who are able to write a fair hand grammatically, can solve any ordinary mathematical question, and have a respectable knowledge of the geography of the earth, we may expect a rising generation that will be capable of doing not only their own business, but of filling any public place of honor and trust to which their popularity may lead them. A neat school room, properly furnished, has much to do with the formation of the mind of the child.

Improvement in schools depend on several things: on the town in the appointment of Committees; on the faithfulness they exercise in performing their duties; on proper text books,—I will say here that every scholar, when they enter the 4th reader class should be supplied with a dictionary, that they may be able to define such words as are important to the general understanding of the subject before them,—and very much on the teacher, his abilities, notions, honesty of purpose and interest in his work; on the harmony and co-operation of the district; and last, but not least, on the parents in training their children at home, so as to be governable and teachable at school. As citizens, let us be very careful not to make any unjustifiable remarks of a school or its teacher; but if, from a proper source and further inquiry, we find anything going wrong on the part of scholars, see that it is made right; if on the part of the teacher, notice that, and see that there are proper steps taken to remove the difficulty.

In conclusion, your Committee would ask, is it not better when you have a poor school to stop it, than let it continue; or is it preferable to have a poor school rather than share a little of the responsibility in making a change. Think of this.

EDWIN EATON,

Superintending School Committee.

Seabrook, March 2, 1863.